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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. SOCIALIST BLOC WINS NARROW VICTORY IN SWEDEN

IN THE SWEDISH ELECTIONS HELD YESTERDAY, THE "SOCIALIST BLOC," COMPOSED OF PRIME MINISTER PALME'S SOCIAL DEMOCRATS AND THE COMMUNISTS WON 49.6 PERCENT OF THE VOTE AND 176 SEATS IN PARLIAMENT WITH THE "BOURGEOIS BLOC" WINNING 48.1 PERCENT AND 174 SEATS. ALTHOUGH THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS LOST SEVEN SEATS, THE COMMUNISTS GAINED THREE, RESULTING IN THE NARROW PARLIAMENTARY MARGIN. UPI 318A 9/16, FBIS 04, 9/17, OPERATIONS CENTER-EMBASSY STOCKHOLM TELCON, 9/17.

2. NEW YORK DISCUSSIONS TO TEST EC UNITY

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A GERMAN FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIAL TOLD AMBASSADOR HILLENBRAND THAT THE RECENT EC MINISTERIAL RESULTED IN A DECISION TO MAINTAIN A "CONTINUED AND CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE" WITH THE US ON ALL ASPECTS OF US-EUROPEAN RELATIONS. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS AND US REPRESENTATIVES IN NEW YORK WILL BE A TEST OF EC COHESIVENESS. ACCORDING TO EMBASSY BONN, THE GERMANS HOPE THAT A US/EC DECLARATION WILL BE

NEGOTIATED DURING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 23-29. (SECRET)
BONN 13363, 9/15 (LIMDIS).

3. SPEECH MARKS BHUTTO'S DEPARTURE FOR THE US

IN A SPEECH TAPED PRIOR TO HIS SEPTEMBER 15 DEPARTURE FOR THE US, PAKISTAN'S PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO DISCUSSED SUBJECTS RANGING FROM PAKISTAN'S RECENT FLOOD DISASTER TO OPPOSITION PARTIES. HE CONCLUDED BY SAYING HE IS "LOOKING FORWARD" TO HIS WASHINGTON VISIT. HE STATED THAT THE US CAN PLAY A "VITAL, INDEED CRUCIAL, ROLE" IN THE STABILITY OF THE SUBCONTINENT, BUT HE WARNED AGAINST APPLYING "TOO SIMPLE A YARDSTICK" TO THE OUTCOME OF THE TRIP. (UNCLASSIFIED) ISLAMABAD 7870, 9/16.

4. KUWAITI INVESTIGATION OF TERRORISTS COULD CREATE DILEMMA

A REPORT THAT KUWAITI INVESTIGATIONS OF THE GUERRILLA ATTACK ON THE SAUDI EMBASSY IN PARIS HAVE REVEALED INVOLVEMENT OF A "NEIGHBORLY STATE" APPEARED IN THE SAUDI PRESS SEPTEMBER 14. EMBASSY JIDDA COMMENTS THAT IF THE REPORT IS TRUE, THE KUWAITIS WILL FIND THEMSELVES TORN BETWEEN NOT WISHING TO INJURE RELATIONS WITH IRAQ AND YIELDING TO SAUDI PRESSURE TO FULLY REVEAL THE RESULTS OF THE INVESTIGATION. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) JIDDA 3987, 9/16.

5. VENEZUELAN OIL: NO ANSWER TO SHORT-TERM CRISIS

VENEZUELA PRODUCES SLIGHTLY MORE THAN 3.4 MILLION
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BARRELS OF OIL PER DAY, WHICH IS ESTIMATED TO BE NEAR THE CURRENT PRODUCTION CAPACITY. AT PRESENT, PRODUCTION CANNOT BE INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY, BUT EMBASSY CARACAS REPORTS THAT NEW OIL FIELDS WITH HIGH OUTPUT POTENTIAL CAN BE DEVELOPED IN THREE TO FIVE YEARS. ESTABLISHING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR NEW INVESTMENT WILL REQUIRE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN VENEZUELA AND THE US. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) CARACAS 7988, 9/14. RUSH

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